

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Friendship Centers of Emmet County for 50 years of service in the Emmet County communities. Northern Michigan residents can take great pride in knowing that Emmet County is a better place thanks to the work and dedication of the Friendship Centers. On behalf of my constituents across Michigan's First District, I thank the Friendship Centers of Emmet County for their work and look forward to their continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. RANDY REID

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Randy Reid, Superintendent of Schools at Keller Independent School District (ISD). Dr. Reid is retiring after thirty-four years of public service in Texas.

Dr. Reid received a bachelor's degree from Baylor University and a master's degree and Doctorate in Education Administration from Texas A&M University at Commerce. After completing his own education, Dr. Reid began his career in public service as a teacher in Richardson ISD. Over the next 24 years, he advanced from teacher to coach to Assistant Superintendent of Richardson ISD. Before assuming the helm of Keller ISD in 2012, Dr. Reid served as the Superintendent of Celina ISD and Tyler ISD.

While serving as superintendent, Dr. Reid oversaw the passage of a \$169.5 million bond package which funded four new campuses in the District. This expansion included Keller's first campus solely devoted to Career and Technological Education coursework, the cutting-edge Keller Center for Advanced Learning.

While serving as a catalyst for academic success in his own district, Dr. Reid has also advocated for the advancement of quality education throughout the state of Texas. Dr. Reid currently serves as President of the Texas Fast Growth School Coalition, a group of more than fifty of the fastest-growing Texas school districts. In addition, he is active member of the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Waiver Review Board, the Texas Association of School Administrators, and the Future Ready Superintendents Leadership Institute.

For the past five years, Dr. Reid has been a dedicated community leader in the greater Keller area. I salute Dr. Reid for his exemplary career and extend my best wishes upon his retirement. It is an honor to represent the students, families, teachers and staff of Keller ISD in the U.S. House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF CAMARILLO ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Boys and Girls

Club of Camarillo on the occasion of their 50th anniversary as a remarkable afterschool institution servicing the youth and families of the City of Camarillo.

Since 1967, the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo has had a profound impact on the community with an exemplary goal of educating our youth to become socially responsible citizens. The Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo has become an extraordinary asset to our community as a whole.

Holding true to its mission, the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo cares for each and every student that comes through their doors regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. They develop each student's full potential to become productive, responsible, and caring individuals. For over five decades, the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo has accomplished this goal through dedicated staff and volunteers to whom we owe an insurmountable debt of gratitude.

Since its founding, the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo has aimed to keep our young kids off the streets through supervised, quality afterschool programs and services. Today, the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo serves approximately 400 kids every day and over 4,000 kids each year. These kids have the opportunity to participate in sports programs in its gymnasium, arts programs in its performance theatre, and academic programs in and outside its technology lab, giving kids a truly holistic development experience that will empower them and instill confidence.

Furthermore, the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo has a youth employment program that connects its teens with job opportunities in the community. In doing so, they act as a collaborative relationship builder, mentoring teens and facilitating a connection with potential employers where they can utilize the skills and knowledge they have obtained through the organization.

Every child deserves a great future, and the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo has succeeded in creating a positive, fun, and safe environment for our community's youth to reach their fullest potential. For these reasons, it is my sincere pleasure to honor the Boys and Girls Club for its exceptional 50 years of service to our community's youth and developing our future leaders.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MATTHEW A. ROZELL

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable man who has shown a strong dedication to educating the students of New York's 21st District.

Growing up in the historic foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, Matthew Rozell's surroundings inspired in him a deep interest in the past. This fascination led him to SUNY Geneseo, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in History, and a Master's in Education. After graduating, Mr. Rozell returned to his high school alma mater in Hudson Falls, NY, where he has spent the entirety of his career going above and beyond as an educator.

As the founder of the World War II Living History Project, Mr. Rozell has established an

excellent tool for educating students. He has helped to connect WWII veterans and survivors throughout the country and worked to make their stories known. Specifically, the work that the project has done on uncovering personal accounts and photographs from the Holocaust has drawn attention and recognition from organizations around the country.

In addition to being featured as an ABC World News "Person of the Week," Mr. Rozell has received multiple awards, including the History Teacher of the Year Award from the Organization of American Historians, and the Founders' Medal for History Education from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Rozell also received the New York State Education Department's Louis E. Yavner Teaching Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching the Holocaust.

I would like to thank Mr. Rozell for his enduring commitment to academia and research. Through his work, he has served as an exemplary educator and as a role model for his students and his peers.

IN RECOGNITION OF STUART VOGT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Mr. Stuart Vogt of Vienna, Virginia. Born in 1920, Mr. Vogt lived through some of the most uncertain times in American history during which he not only endured, but flourished. And throughout his illustrious career he has always put his country and community first.

Mr. Vogt graduated from Lehigh University in 1942 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. With the war effort furiously ramping up, there was a demand for young, aspiring engineers. He was recruited by Westinghouse in Lima, Ohio, near Army Air Force headquarters at Wright-Patterson AFB, to join Westinghouse's brand new Aviation Engineering Department. While there he designed dynamos and generators for World War II P40 fighters and B17 & B24 bombers. After the war, Mr. Vogt moved to Virginia to work with Naval Air Systems Command on aircraft electric motors. However, after only a few years there he was given a unique opportunity to work on NASA's Launch Operations' Saturn rockets. During his time at NASA, he worked in conjunction with Werner Von Braun and other scientists in Huntsville and Cape Canaveral. Before retiring thirty years ago, Mr. Vogt returned to Naval Air Systems Command where he installed aircraft carrier computer upgrades to accommodate new carrier-based F14 Tomcat fighters, S-3 Viking submarine trackers and E-2C Hawkeye early warning radar aircraft.

In retirement Mr. Vogt shifted from serving his country to serving his community. He was the Chairman of his local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees, and today he remains a very active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Vienna. Mr. Vogt has a selfless desire to serve and to give back to his community, and this attitude inspires the same in all who meet him. He is a leader and I know he passes on the same selfless qualities to all he meets.

Beyond his duties within his community and long career in the defense and aerospace industries, Mr. Vogt was a loving husband to his

wife Marie who passed away 14 years ago and is a loving father to son Stuart Vogt and grandfather to Lynne and Andy. At this moment, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in extending our sincerest thanks to Mr. Vogt for all the work he has done in his community and for our country.

TEA BENZENBERG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tea Benzenberg for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Tea Benzenberg is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tea Benzenberg is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Tea Benzenberg for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

**PROTECTING AGAINST CHILD
EXPLOITATION ACT OF 2017**

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2017

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1761, the Protecting Against Child Exploitation Act. Although I support the goal of the bill, which aims to strengthen existing laws that criminalize engaging in sexual acts with a child that result in the production of an image or video, I am concerned that its overly broad language could cause unintended consequences that go beyond the sponsors' intentions. Make no mistake, our children deserve the strongest possible protection against such heinous acts and abuse. I am deeply concerned; however, that the bill does not take into consideration situations between consenting teenagers. Teenagers today have access to more technology than ever before, and far too many of them do not comprehend the seriousness of exchanging sexually explicit images of themselves with one another. Although I do not condone such behavior, I cannot support a bill that does not distinguish between those situations and the morally reprehensible crimes against children. I commend my colleague, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, for offering an amendment that would make consensual activity between a minor who is fifteen years old or older and an adult who is nineteen years old or younger punishable as a misdemeanor, rather than a

felony. The amendment was narrowly tailored to make sure that the punishment for such consensual situations is proportionate to the severity of the crime. I was disappointed that the House did not adopt the Jackson-Lee amendment, and I cannot support the underlying bill without the inclusion of this important policy provision.

HONORING PROFESSOR ROLAND
ALUM, JR.

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the academic scholarship and contributions of Professor Roland Alum, Jr., of New Jersey, specifically his recent article, regarding the 115th anniversary of the inauguration of the Cuban Republic in 1902. Include in the RECORD this article which was published on Saturday, May 20, 2017 in the Jersey Journal. Professor Roland Alum, Jr., has managed a successful career of university teaching, administration, and scholarship, while still remaining committed to civic engagement.

In his article, Professor Alum reviews a book by another New Jerseyan, Professor Margarita Garcia, which honors the legacy of Tomás Estrada, who served as the first elected president of the Cuban Republic. Prior to his installation as president, Estrada spent 25 years in exile, mostly in the United States, where he grew to admire our democracy and civilian-dominated system of government. Professor Alum explains his view that these facts contribute to the reasons why the Castro brothers' dictatorship in Cuba demonizes Estrada's memory and further ignores the historical significance of May 20th. Professor Alum contrasts Estrada's good will and actual governmental history with the Castros' mega militaristic, oppressive totalitarianism, since 1959. He concludes his article with an emphasis on the significance of the date of May 20th, particularly to the pro-democracy Cuban-Americans, who constitute a valuable community in New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey are tremendously honored to have Professor Roland Alum, Jr., as a dedicated member of their community. It is because of his recent academic contribution, that I rise to recognize his scholarship and request that this article, as prepared by Professor Alum, be printed into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD before the United States House of Representatives.

WHY MAY 20 IS SO IMPORTANT TO CUBAN
AMERICANS

(By Roland Alum, Jr.)

On May 20, 1902, the independent Republic of Cuba was inaugurated with the swearing in of its first elected president, Tomás Estrada (aka Estrada Palma—with his maternal patronymic added as per Hispanic cultural tradition). Cuban patriots had been waging the War of Independence vs. colonial Spain since 1895, a conflict that blended into the brief Spanish-Cuban-American War in 1898, in turn giving way to the first U.S. Intervention (1898–1902), which called for elections in 1901. Estrada won the presidency after 25 years in exile, mostly in the U.S.

After rising in arms against the Spanish Empire in 1868, Estrada (1835–1908) was taken

prisoner; upon his release, he moved to Honduras, where he was hired to reorganize the postal, educational and health-care services. When the Honduran military ousted the democratic government for which he worked, Estrada settled with his family in Central Valley, New York, 50 miles north of Manhattan (an hour's drive from Hudson County), directing a pioneering private school there.

In 1895, Estrada became the head of the Cuban Revolutionary Party that had been founded in New York for the independence of Cuba and Puerto Rico. Leading an extraordinary lobby pro Cuba's independence, he often passed through today's Jersey City's Liberty State Park on his train trips to/from Washington. Hudson County is nowadays home to the second most important Cuban-American community, and May 20 is routinely remembered with celebrations, including a Bergenline Avenue parade and "pilgrimages" to Central Valley. The Castro family's Communist-styled tyranny and its pro-democratic exiled opponents share in the commemoration of most Cuban patriotic holidays, except for this one, given that the "socialist" dictatorship demonizes Estrada as "a U.S. puppet."

Professor Margarita Garcia, a Hudson County ex-resident, straightens the record of Estrada's legacy in her recent "Before 'Cuba Libre': The Making of Cuba's First President, Tomás Estrada Palma" (Outskirts Press, 2016). One gathers from her book that among Estrada's presidential accomplishments (1902–1906) was the limiting the number of U.S. naval bases from the seven requested of the nascent republic, to one: Guantanamo. Above all, Estrada sought to establish a civilian-dominated, honest governmental system, drastically distinct to what had already become by then a nefarious Latin-American militaristic model, of which he had been a victim in Honduras.

Unfortunately, throughout Cuba's republican trajectory, the military often interfered in politics, culminating in the Castros' six-decade reign, as the island-country is tormented by an egotistic elite of "revolutionary generals" parroting passé, hate-mongering Marxist-Leninist slogans while the average Cuban suffers boundless deprivations.

Since 1959, the Castro family—an un-elected, de facto Caribbean nepotistic dynasty—has persistently accused Estrada of turning Cuba into a "Yankee vassal state." Paradoxically, it was the Castro brothers who made Cuba subservient to the far-away, failed Soviet Bloc, thus transfiguring a progressive trending nation into a backwards one from which its people desperately aspire to flee. Ironically, that ruling entrenched gerontocratic oligarchy now seeks the "stinking Yankee dollars" to subsidize the government's business monopolies managed by a vast network of corrupt Castro kinspeople and accomplices.

What Cuba needs above all is a regime change that would bestow power to the people and establish a democratically elected, civilian dominated open society that will respect individual freedoms and human/civil rights, as was envisioned by the republic's founding fathers, such as Presidente Tomás Estrada.

HONORING WALTER MCGLOTHIN

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special man, Mr. Walter McGlothlin, of Bath County, Kentucky.